Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-22 (Canceled).

23. (Currently Amended) A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said ~~The~~ method ~~of claim 1, further~~ comprising: ~~the steps of:~~

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

verifying the identification of said user of said remote client;

transmitting an access token from said security system server to said remote client;

providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token;

activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein said access token is adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on said user's permission profile; and

wherein said user's permission profile is created by a general administrator of said security gateway.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein said general administrator of said security system is capable of modifying said user's permission profile.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein said step of verifying said identification of said user comprises authenticating biometric data.

Claims 26-28 (Canceled).

29. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein said access token allows access to specific features of said security gateway according to said user's permission profile.

30. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein said access token allows access to one or more designated cameras located at said premises.

31. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein said access token allows access to one or more designated audio stations located at said premises.

Claims 32-52 (Canceled).

53.   (Presently Amended)   A method for remote monitoring of a residential premises, said method comprising: the steps of:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

verifying the identification of said user of said remote client;

transmitting an access token from said security system server to said remote client;

providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein said security gateway is operably coupled to at least one camera located at said premises;

wherein said security gateway is operably coupled to at least one audio station located at said premises;

wherein said access token is adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on said user's permission profile; and

wherein said user's permission profile is created by a general administrator of said security gateway.

Claims 54-57 (Canceled).

58.   (Currently Amended)   A security ~~The~~ system ~~of claim 54,~~ for remote monitoring of a premises by a user of a remote client, said security system comprising:

a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating said user of said remote client, and, upon authentication of said user of said remote client, providing said remote client with information necessary for said remote client to directly access a security gateway for said premises via a network;

said security gateway operatively coupled to said security system server via said network, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

one or more cameras located at said premises and operatively coupled to said security gateway; and

one or more audio stations located at said premises and operatively coupled to said security gateway;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein said security gateway provides an audiovisual signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring;

wherein said remote client cannot directly access said security gateway without said information provided, to said remote client, by said security system server; and

wherein said security system server provides said remote client with an access token based on a permission profile associated with said user.

59.   (Original) A security system for remote monitoring of a premises by a user of a remote client, said security system comprising:

a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating said user of said remote client;

a security gateway operatively coupled to said security system server via a network, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

one or more cameras located at said premises and operatively coupled to said security gateway; and

one or more audio stations located at said premises and operatively coupled to said security gateway;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein said security gateway provides an audiovisual signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring;

wherein said security system provides for streaming data in substantially real-time from said security gateway to said remote client;

wherein said security system provides for substantially real-time synchronized audio and video communication between said remote client and said security gateway; and

wherein said security system server provides said remote client with an access token based on a permission profile associated with said user.